

REMARKS

Claims 14-33 are all the claims pending in this application. Selected claims are amended to expedite prosecution and further define the invention. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, reconsideration and allowance of all the rejected claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below to schedule a personal interview to discuss the merits of this case.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 14-18 and 20-32¹ stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Popp, et al. (USP 6,249,291). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the following basis.

Independent claims 14, 21, and 28 essentially recite generating a unique name space designation for each instance of the control mechanism, wherein the unique name space designation that is assigned to the corresponding control mechanism is used to formulate unique labels for data associated with the corresponding control mechanism, among other things. In an exemplary embodiment, the unique name space designation may be assigned to each instance of the same control in order to differentiate between the same controls (see the specification at page 18, lines 5-6 and FIG. 4A). Otherwise, code that is generated by two different controls may be merged into a Web page definition and may contain two name attributes generated by each

¹ It appears that claims 19 and 32 are erroneously included in this rejection under 35 USC §102 because these claims are indicated to be rejected under 35 USC §103.

instances of the control sharing a same name (see the specification at page 18, lines 6-9). As a result, analysis of the name-value pairs returned from a browser will not indicate which data value is meant for which instance of the control (see the specification at page 18, lines 9-11).

The Examiner alleges that Popp et al. generates "a unique name space designation for each instance of the control mechanism at run time (i.e., col. 3, lines 33-42)" (see numbered paragraph 2 on page2 of the August 13, 2003 office action). However, this portion of Popp et al. is directed to an object-oriented approach that provides the ability to develop and manage Internet transactions, wherein an HTML document is generated dynamically based on input received in a receive form, generated at runtime, or retrieved from an external data source (see Popp et al., col. 3, lines 33-39). Popp et al. further discloses that when the HTML document is rendered, the information contained in HTML templates, declaration files, and objects are used to generate standard HTML (see Popp et al., col. 3, lines 33-39). There is no teaching or suggestion in Popp et al., however, for generating a unique name space designation *for each instance of the control mechanism*, wherein the unique name space designation that is assigned to the corresponding control mechanism is used to formulate unique labels for data associated with the corresponding control mechanism.

Since Popp et al. fails to teach or suggest the invention claimed in independent claims 14, 21, 28 and their corresponding dependent claims 15-18, 20, 22-27, and 29-32, these claims clearly are not anticipated by Popp et al. For the foregoing reason, reconsideration and allowance of these rejected claims are requested.



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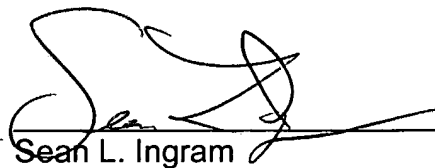
Claims 19 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Popp et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the following basis.

Claims 19 and 33 depend from claims 14 and 28, respectively, and therefore include the feature of generating a unique name space designation for each instance of the control mechanism, wherein the unique name space designation that is assigned to the corresponding control mechanism is used to formulate unique labels for data associated with the corresponding control mechanism, among other things. As discussed above, Popp et al. fails to teach or suggest this feature. Therefore, claims 19 and 33 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 14 and 28, respectively.

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